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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PINT, RH

SUBJ: FORMER RF DEFENSE MINISTER CRITICIZES SMITH

REF: PRETORIA 2133

ACCORDING TO AN UNATTRIBUTED ACCOUNT IN THE MAY 5 ZAMBIAN DAILY MAIL FORMER RHODESIAN DEFENSE MINISTER AND EXPELLED RF DISSIDENT REG COWPER (REFTEL) SAID MAY 3 THAT THE RF DISSIDENTS WOULD NOT RESIGN THEIR SEATS. REPORTEDLY SMITH IN A MAY 2 TELEVISION STATEMENT CALLED ON THE DISSIDENTS TO RESIGN AND FIGHT BY-ELECTIONS AND THREATENED TO CALL GENERAL ELECTIONS IF HE FOUND HIS NEGOTIATING POSITION WEAKENED BY THE PARTY SPLIT. COWPER IN HIS REPLY TO SMITH SAID THAT THE ANGLO-U.S. INITIATIVE WOULD FAIL IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN SMITH WAS INVOLVED AND WARNED SMITH THAT HE WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SURPRISED IF HE WENT TO POLLS TO ASCERTAIN IF RHODESIANS ARE PREPARED TO DIE FOR THEIR HERITAGE SO IT MAY BE HANDED OVER TO THE NATIONALISTS. COWPER ALSO CHARACTERIZED SMITH'S COMMENTS AS THE "MOUTHINGS OF A MAN CRAZED BY THE DWINDLING ADULATION OF HIS ONE-TIME FOLLOWERS."

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